



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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Dan Coyne-Logan Leads Hanson Elementary School



Dan Coyne-Logan, principal at Earl Hanson Elementary School presented an interesting and highly informative program at today's meeting of Rock Island Rotary. Dan began his teaching career at Earl Hanson, then

moved to Washington Junior High School as a math instructor. Later he was promoted to dean at Washington, and starting with the current school year, was named Principal of Earl Hanson Elementary. Through a series of slides, Principal Logan highlighted both the challenges and achievements of the school. Diversity is one of the great strengths of the school. Diversity of race, culture, language and socio-economic status is highly evident at Hanson, with no single race numbering greater than 35% of the student population. Seventy-five percent of the students are classified as living below the federal poverty line. A significant number are learning English as their second language. Classes range from Special Needs Ed. to Gifted. Principal Logan thanked Rotary for our ongoing partnership with Hanson Elementary and in response to a question stated that more volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Can you give some time to help with Birthday Books? Can you help out in the library? Would you be willing to tutor? See our Club liaisons to the school, Ann McGlynn or Tricia Barron, to learn how you can help.

March – May Calendar

- Mar. 1 - Dan Logan – Earl Hanson Principal
- Mar. 8 - Vic Quinn – St. Patrick Society
- Mar. 15 - Rock Island Girls Softball – Bob Swanson
- Mar. 22 - Dave Ross – R.I. County Administrator
- Mar. 29 - PJ Foley – Aircraft Carrier Experience
- Apr. 5 - Bert Blood Scholarship
- April 12 - Chinese Culture / Shen Yun – Dr. Feng
- April 19 - Awards Luncheon
- April 26 - Earl Hanson Inspire Choir
- May 3 - Rock Island Public Library – Angela Campbell
- May 10 - Privies to Plumbing: A Short History of the Bathroom – Ann Koski
- May 17 - Rotary Foundation – Bud Phillis
- May 24 - Financial Scams – Andrew Guzzo
- May 31 - Kiwanis Joint Meeting

ROTARY HELPS THE QUAD CITY MARATHON



Quad City Marathon Race Director, Joe Moreno attended today's meeting and received a Rotary donation of \$500. Mr. Moreno thanked the Club and indicated that the funds would be used to help provide shoes for needy children who want to participate in the race and would be used to cover fees for other needy youngsters.



Joe Moreno thanks Rotary



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RAFFLE SUPPORTS FOUNDATION

The foundation raffle featured Lo Milani wine and cash. The cash was won by Alleman student Rotarian, Kate Florence who promptly donated her winnings to the International Rotary Foundation. An “early leaving” Larry Tadlock won the wine. Fred Luckenbill was trusted to deliver the wine to Larry!

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!!

Club Notes & Announcements!

□ Welcome Guests!

New Alleman Student Guests Kate Florence and Andrew Maloney. Rock Island High Student Guests, Deniza Ndikumana and John Ponsetto. Diane Phillis, guest of husband Bud Phillis. Prospective member, Kathy Lelonek, guest of Angela Campbell. Joe Moreno guest of Frank Lambert and the Budget Priorities Committee. Visiting Rotarian, Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport club.

□ **Dueling Pianos FUNraiser ...** Don't forget our Rotary Club's primary fundraiser for the year is THIS THURSDAY, March 3rd, at the River Music Experience in Davenport. Doors open at 6pm, show starts at 7:30. A \$45 ticket includes dinner and the show. Vic Boblett pointed out that for those that have never attended a Dueling Piano's event, this is not some sort of piano recital! This is an evening filled with fun, laughs, music, and comedy. The hope was that every Club member could be counted on for 2 tickets. If you don't have yours, you can purchase at the door **or** go online at **EVENTBRITE**, **or** call Sue Cassatt at 309-644-0101. Non-Rotarians are welcome too, so invite and encourage co-workers and family members to join the fun.

□ **ROTARY AWARDS BANQUET ...** Jim Moran reminded all that our 2016 Awards will be presented at our April 19th meeting. Keynote speaker will be Judge Sara Darrow, district judge on the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois. Top students from Augustana College, Rock Island and Alleman High Schools will be honored along with community members honored in the categories of “Excellence” and “Community Service”, and a club member will be recognized as our A. T. Peara Award winner for outstanding service to Rotary. All club members are urged to nominate candidates for the awards. See the attached nomination form.

□ **Roses for Your Sweetie?** Through an arrangement with the Noon Kiwanis Club, Rotarians can order beautiful roses at just \$16 per dozen and you can do it in the Botanical Center Lobby as you come to next week's meeting. Kiwanis will share a portion of the profits with our club so you can thrill your special person AND help our club. Roses will be available for pick up on April 27 which also happens to be Administrative Assistants (formerly “Secretary's”) Day. Super gift at a very reasonable price!

□ **Have Items for our Newsletter?** For March publication send to Bob Swanson at bobdebswanson@att.net. For April publication send newsletter items to Holly Sparkman at hksparkman@gmail.com.

SUCCESSFUL JOINT PROMOTING ROTARY EVENT

Thanks to the efforts of Kyle Vietti, our club was well represented at the first Quad City Rotary Promotion Event held at the Rogalski Center on the campus of St. Ambrose University on February 25th. Kyle represented our Club in the planning of the event which featured each area club reporting on the outstanding work and projects supported by their club. President John Phillips commented that to hear all that Rotary is doing throughout the entire Quad Cities is awe inspiring. He also reported that 50 prospective Rotarians attended the event. Thanks Kyle for all your work!



A LITTLE OFF KEY

a dueling pianos event

hosted by Rock Island Rotary & Twin Rivers Rotary After Hours

Thursday
**March
3rd**

**River
Music
Experience**

129 N. Main St., Davenport

7:30pm

doors open @ 6

\$45

includes heavy hors d'oeuvres

Come be entertained for the evening by FunPianos, a traveling dueling pianos group.



Tickets can be purchased online at **Eventbrite**
or

contact Sue Lerschen-Cassatt at 309-644-0101,
SLerschen-Cassatt@FirstStatell.com

Money raised from the event will go to support local youth programs and other Rotary projects!

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ROCK ISLAND ROTARY CLUB
2016 Awards Committee



Rock Island Rotary's annual Awards Luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 19th**. The Awards Committee seeks nominations for the following awards:

1. **Excellence:** Recognizes distinction or superiority in a field of endeavor. This can be for a single accomplishment or for achieving high standards of achievement or performance over as sustained period of time.
2. **Community Service:** Recognizes individuals or organizations who have worked effectively for the betterment of our community.
3. **A.T. Peara Award for Service Above Self:** Recognizes the Rock Island Rotary member who has exhibited the dedicated service and faithful commitment to the ideals of Rotary that were personified by A.T. Peara, for whom the award is named after.

The first two awards are open to any individual or organization that has demonstrated excellence or worked for the betterment of the Rock Island community. The excellence award applies to all lines of work and to all ages.

The A.T. Peara Award is limited to current members of Rock Island Rotary.

To ensure that our committee has adequate time to evaluate, consider, make the selections, and have awards prepared, the deadline for nominations is March 22nd. Please consider making one or more nominations using the lower portion of this form. Additional copies are available if you need them. We greatly appreciate your participation and assistance.

Submit Nomination to: Billy Puckett or by e-mail to billy@callmebilly.com

NOMINEE NAME: _____ **Your Name:** _____

Nominated for (be sure to indicate):

___ Excellence ___ Community Service ___ A.T. Peara Award

Reasons in support of your nomination:
